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To the Officers and Men of the Kuomintang

LI Chi-shen.

1. At the opening of the Whampoa Military Academy, the late Dr. SUN Yat-sen said to the students, "My only hope in establishing this academy is to create a revolutionary army to save China from her crisis;" and encouraged them by adding "From now on, decide not to cherish the idea of becoming high officials or making big fortunes, but devote yourselves to the enterprise that saves the nation and her people, and become bold revolutionary soldiers."
2. Students of the Whampoa Military Academy, and other members of the KMT Army: What do you feel when you think of the instructions left by Dr. SUN? You heroically took part in the revolution in 1926 to overthrow the northern warlords. It was an enterprise to save the nation and her people, and you deserved to be called "revolutionary soldiers."
3. After the Marco Polo Bridge Incident in 1937, you also participated in the war of resistance against Japan, doing the same work as before and gaining the same reputation.
4. But during the ten years between the successful conclusion of the Northern Expedition and the Sian Incident, CHIANG Kai-shek completely violated the Three People's Principles and adopted fascism. He not only persecuted the

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people and oppressed the KMT members who had struggled desperately for the country, but also usurped the party and the nation. For his own selfish end he prolonged the civil war and drained the country of its resources, which led to the Japanese Imperialists' aggression in the Northeast. After the Manchurian Incident, persisting in his dictatorial rule, he ordered the Northeast Army not to resist, and concluded may disgraceful pacts with the Japanese Imperialists, incurring the loss of sovereignty. He suppressed all anti-Japanese movements, both in word and deed, and disbanded the anti-Japanese forces. What did you do? Did you comply with the aims of the late Dr. SUN to save the nation and her people, or were you the tools of CHIANG Kai-shek to harm the nation and her people?

5. The foundation of peace was laid at the beginning of 1946 when the Political Consultative Conference (PCC) was held. The KMT's superiority and leadership were recognized. It was a wise move welcomed by any conscientious person. But CHIANG Kai-shek again persisted in his dictatorial rule by sacrificing the people's lives and properties, tearing up the PCC's resolutions and initiating the widespread civil war. Apart from this, in order to avoid failure in the civil war, he allowed Tsingtao, Formosa and other important ports along the coast to be used as military bases by American Imperialism, recognized their special rights in trade and supervision over military affairs and finance, supported the American policy of reviving Japan, and sent CHANG Chun to Japan to collaborate with the remnants of Imperialism, without taking into consideration the devastation of the Chinese people and the soldiers who had shed blood in the war of resistance. What did you do? Did you comply with the aims of the late Dr. SUN to save the nation and her people, or were you the tools of CHIANG Kai-shek to harm the nation and her people?
6. You are the tools of the dictator who is not treating you humanly. Those who took part in the Northern Expedition have all been expelled by him, and he is campaigning against those who at one time fought for him against his political opponents.
7. Those who fought desperately in the war of resistance have to make their complaints before the monument of the late founder. This proves that he discharged the worthy officers in times of peace and punished the officers who did meritorious service. Forces fighting at the front are suffering from cold and hunger, while those remaining at the rear are receiving preferential treatment. Those he loves are granted every facility, while those he hates are at a disadvantage in everything -- deficient in men, arms and rations. Of the thousands of Whampoa students, he only loves HU Tsung-nan's gang. Formerly he esteemed the Whampoa students, and now he esteems his own son and the American-trained troops. This shows that he loves at his discretion and does not act fairly. The officers are given nominal ranks, while he has direct command over them. He will trust only a few who are the running dogs. He lies to you and deceives you, causing you to lose your lives. In the battles of Loyang, Kaifeng, Shiangyang and Tsinan, he stated repeatedly in his telegrams that reinforcements were on the way to the rescue, but not a single soldier arrived although many of you were killed or captured. Is it worthy to become a tool of this wretched, partial, jealous and shameless traitor? In the past two years, thousands of you were captured and your families are now destitute.
8. You are aware of the gradual deterioration and the reckless action of the CHIANG government, but you have been fooled by him. Taking advantage of the history of the struggle between the Nationalists and the Communists, and the psychological tendency of the KMT members who love the party, he branded the present people's democratic revolution as a struggle for power between the Communist Party (CP) and the KMT, saying that when the CP exists there will be no KMT. In the name of protecting the KMT he makes you the tools for protecting his government. You should know that, because of his reckless action, CHIANG's collapse is imminent, and if you still continue

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to follow heedlessly you will not be able to extricate yourselves.

9. You should understand that the existence and development of a political group depends on its movements, which should work for the interest of the nation and the people and receive the support of the masses. Though not possessing an armed force, such an organization will be able to exist and develop. Those acting contrary to this will not be able to protect themselves even if they are in possession of a strong armed force, as in the cases of the CHING Dynasty and YUAN Shih-kai who were overthrown by the Tung Meng Hui and the KMT respectively. If you really love the KMT you must be determined to carry out the national and people salvation enterprise, reform the party and declare war against the disastrous ruler, and you will naturally gain the support of the people. There will be no one to stop your existence and development.
10. Is the present war a struggle between the KMT and the Communists? It is a fact that the atrocious, corrupt, and exploiting CHIANG government has deprived the peasants, workers, industrialists, merchants, culturists, educationists, liberal professionists and civil servants of their living. CHIANG's government has surrendered sovereign rights to the American Imperialists, and has collaborated with the remnants of Japanese Imperialism to suppress the resistance put up by compatriots. The dictatorial and traitorous government is hated not only by the Communists but by all the people of China. CHIANG's policy is contradictory to the late Dr. SUN's aims and to the original principles and policy of the KMT. CHIANG Kai-shek's so-called "Rebellion Suppression" is a struggle to prolong his dictatorial and traitorous rule and maintain the fascist group. It is not a war for the protection of the KMT; CHIANG's government cannot represent the KMT. In the present civil war, which is not a dispute between the Nationalists and the Communists, there are two camps -- a group of landlords, bureaucrats and compradores headed by CHIANG Kai-shek, who uses armed force to suppress the people, and a democratic united front, representing the people who oppose suppression by armed force.
11. Those obedient to the people will prosper and those not obedient will perish. The dictatorial and traitorous rule which opposes the will of the people is destined to collapse. It will be impossible for CHIANG's government to remain in existence, with its only aid being from American Imperialism which helps to prolong the tottering rule and destroy more lives and properties but will not be able to stop the success of the Democratic People's Revolution. Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese aggressor only lasted a few years before their defeat. The revolutionary force is daily increasing and that of the counter-revolutionaries diminishing. The wheel of history is travelling faster and faster on this course, as the revolutionists have no fear of the Imperialists.
12. The Chinese KMTRC is an organization of the comrades of the revolutionary Three People's Principles, who are determined to devote themselves to the national and people's salvation enterprise. It follows the three policies of the late Dr. SUN and unites with progressive forces externally and revolutionary forces internally to overthrow the American-CHIANG dictatorial and traitorous rule. Students of the Whampoa Academy and military men of the KMT should not hesitate to leave the CHIANG government and join the KMTRC, and fight shoulder to shoulder with the People's Liberation Armies.
13. You needn't hold the Communist Party in doubt. As long as you are a follower of the late Dr. SUN, devoting yourself to the national and people's salvation enterprise, you will naturally receive the support of the people and remain in existence; otherwise, you will be eliminated.
14. This is how the situation stands, and it needs no further consideration. It is ignominious to follow CHIANG's government, but by following the people you can do something praiseworthy.

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